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1. 4 March 1950

Six guns of 70 to 90 mm caliber were unloaded at the **Wittenberge railroad station**.

2. 8 March 1950

a. Six flatcars carrying one SP gun each were seen on the Ludwigslust-Wittenberge railroad line, heading toward Wittenberge.

b. Two flatcars carrying one SP gun each and 10 canvas-covered railroad cars were observed on the Ludwigslust-Wittenberge railroad line, moving toward Wittenberge. (1)

3. 9 March 1950

Four flatcars carrying one SP gun each, and four empty railroad cars were seen at the Klein Warnow railroad station on the Ludwigslust-Wittenberge railroad line. Some soldiers apparently did unloading work. (1)

4. 26 March 1950

Two railroad cars, occupied by about 150 soldiers,

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including one major, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles and full pack, were coupled to the regular express train from Leipzig to Schwerin, in Wittenberge at 2:41 p.m.

5. 23 March 1950

A hundred soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and with full pack, were observed aboard the same Leipzig-Schwerin express train. (2)

6. 1 April 1950

Six flatcars, loaded with two pontoons each, and six flatcars carrying iron girders, beams and about 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were seen in a mixed freight train passing through Wittenberge. (1)

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7. 3 April 1950

A freight train of about 40 railroad cars, including four flatcars loaded with four unnumbered, freshly painted trucks escorted by 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, stood on a side track of the Paulinenaue railroad station at about 9 a.m. The same train was again observed in Nauen at 9:30 a.m. after an informant claimed to have seen it in Wittenberge at 6:30 a.m. (1)

8. 6 April 1950

A north-bound freight train, including eight heavy-duty flatcars carrying seven T 34 tanks and one truck, passed through Wittenberge at about 11 a.m.

9. 8 April 1950

A freight train, including three flatcars carrying two guns each and three escorting soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was shunted at the Wittenberge railroad station at 10:15 a.m.

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10. 11 April 1950

One north-bound mixed freight train, including four unescorted flatcars loaded with two guns each, passed through Wittenberge at about 11 a.m. (1)

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11. 17 April 1950

A train of 3 boxcars and 15 flatcars, carrying 12 canvas-covered armored vehicles (SP guns and tanks), [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was seen on the Berlin - Wittenberge railroad line near Zahna railroad station. Two officers wearing red epaulets were seen in the open door of a boxcar. (2)

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Comment :

- (1) Probably supply shipments of materiel or shipments of materiel in need of repair.
- (2) Probably shipments of replacements or shipments of personnel transferred or exchanged within the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (3) The motor vehicle numbers are indicative of a unit of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, elements of which were [REDACTED] to move to the Neuholdensleben area (Letzling Heath) (4).

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- (4) [REDACTED] 25X1A

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